

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Property Address:	4401 Q Street NW	X	Agenda
Landmark/District:	Foxhall Village Historic District		Consent Calendar
Meeting Date:	October 27, 2022	X	Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	22-491		Permit Review
			New Construction
		X	Alteration

On behalf of owner Alexander Pires, Wouter Boer Architects proposes a 1-story addition to an end unit rowhouse in the Foxhall Village Historic District. The brick residence was constructed in 1929 for Foxhall real estate development team Boss & Phelps and is one of the larger and more architecturally embellished houses in the district with herringbone brick panels, a cast stone heraldic shield inset and globes, and decorative chimney pots.

Proposal

The proposal seeks to expand the house within the footprint of the original rear terrace. The terrace features its original brick wall with arched openings and decorative globes atop the corner piers. The 1-story addition would replace a rear canted bay and connect to a small rear ell with gable roof, both of which were added in 1987. The curved wall at the rear of the terrace, which also dates to the 1987 renovations, would be removed to allow french doors to open onto the lower terrace.

The rear wall would be largely glazed with multipane windows and doors while the addition's side wall features herringbone brick panels that reflect the brickwork on the façade. Herringbone brick would also be set behind the retained arches along the original terrace wall.

Evaluation and Recommendation

Because of its corner location, any work at this house will be fully visible. However, the addition is sensitively and compatibly scaled and designed. The proposal has been revised in response to staff comments to retain the original terrace wall, corner piers, and globes, nestling neatly within them. The herringbone brick details and multipane fenestration are consistent with the house and typical of the Foxhall Village Historic District.

The one area where the design could use additional focus is the intersection of the new flat roof with the existing curved roofline. The original slope and its trimwork should remain and should be legible as the original building's roofline without being covered with new trim or gutters.

Overall, the design is compatible with this house and the broader historic district in its size, scale, massing, materials, and architectural details.

The HPO recommends that the Board approve the concept as compatible with the character of the historic district and consistent with the purposes of the Act and delegate final approval to staff.

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